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1. STAVROPOULOS (UNDER SYG AND SPECIAL REP OF THE SYG),
ENDING 28 YEARS OF UN SERVICE, PAID FAREWELL CALL BEFORE
LEAVING THIS SATURDAY FOR ATHENS TO JOIN KARAMANLIS
GOVT AS FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER AND MEMBER OF
PARLIAMENT. IN BIDDING AFFECTIONATE GOOD-BYE, STAVROPOULOS
TOOK PRIDE IN NOTING THAT HE HAS ALWAYS HAD REPUTATION OF
BEING STRONGEST ANTI-COMMUNIST AMONG UN LEADERS AND
ASSURED SCALI HE WOULD NOT CHANGE. ALONG WITH THIS, HE
SAID HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN STOUTLY PRO-AMERICAN, AS IS
KARMANLIS, BECAUSE OF UNSHAKEABLE TIES BETWEEN 2 GOVTS.
CYPRUS PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED WITHOUT DAMAGING THIS
RELATIONSHIP, BUT AMERICANS MUST RECOGNIZE GREEK PEOPLE ARE
"PEEVED" AT US HANDLING OF CYPRUS ISSUE EARLIER THIS YEAR
AND ARE EMOTIONAL AT THIS TIME. STAVROPOULOS SAID, HOWEVER,
THIS WAS LIKE A CHILD BEING ANGRY AT HIS MOTHER, NOT A SIGN OF
ANYTHING RESEMBLING PERMANENT HOSTILITY.

2. STAVROPOULOS SAID HE MET PRIVATELY WITH TURKISH FON
MIN GUNES LAST WEEK IN NY AND WAS SOMEWHAT DISTRESSED
AT "CONQUERORS' APPROACH" GUNES DEMONSTRATED BUT HE WAS
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HEARTENED BY REPEATED ASSURANCES FROM GUNES THAT TURKEY

IS READY TO MAKE NECESSARY CONCESSIONS TO REBUILD CONFIDENCE
OF GREEK GOVT.

3. STAVROPOULOS SAID HE PREFERRED POSITION OF MINISTER
WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN KARAMANLIS GOVT BUT COULD WIND UP
AS FOMIN, A POSITION HE WOULD LIKE LESS BECAUSE IT WOULD
RESTRICT WIDE-RANGING FREEDOM OF ACTION THAT KARAMANLIS
HAS PROMISED HIM.

4. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT KARAMANLIS WIN SIZEABLE MAJORITY
IN UPCOMING ELECTIONS AND THAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING NEXT
FOUR YEARS BE VISIBLE TO ALL TO PREVENT
PAPADOPOULOS LEFTIST FORCES FROM MOUNTING SERIOUS
CHALLENGE LATER. STAVROPOULOS SAID HE KNOWS KARAMANLIS
DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT COMMUNIST GAINS IN MEDITERRANEAN,
INCLUDING ITALY, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, AND WANTS TO AVOID
ADDING GREECE TO LIST OF THREATENED NATIONS.

5. STAVROPOULOS SAID HE PLANNED TO CALL SHORTLY AFTER
ARRIVAL ON AMB KUBISCH. SCALI URGED THAT HE DO SO
AS STEP TOWARD CLOSE RELATIONSHIP. STAVROPOULOS ALSO SAID
HE HAD HEARD GOOD THINGS ABOUT DCM STERN.

6. SCALI AND BENNETT BOTH EXPRESSED COMPLETE CONFIDENCE
IN STAVROPOULOS' TRUSTWORTHY, PRO-WESTERN ATTITUDE,
AND VOICED BELIEF PRESENT DIFFICULTIES WILL BE OVERCOME
WITHOUT IMPAIRING LONG-STANDING GREEK-AMERICAN FRIEND-
SHIP. FACT THAT KARAMANLIS CHOSE MAN OF STAVROPOULOS'
STATURE WAS DEMONSTRABLE EVIDENCE THAT GREEK GOVT WOULD
HAVE BENEFIT FROM HAVING SENSITIVE, KNOWLEDGEABLE MAN OF
WORLD EXPERIENCE IN TOP POLICY ECHELON AT DIFFICULT TIME.
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